Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development):* Sir, I move that the Bill may be taken into consideration.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* I second it.

Motion put and carried.

Clause 2 put and carried.

Clause 3 and 4 put and carried.

Clause 1 put and carried.

Title and Preamble put and carried.

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development):* Sir I move that the Bill may be taken up and finally passed tomorrow.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* I second it.

Motion put and carried.

The Cochin Payment of Salaries and Allowances Act (Amendment) Bill

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Chief Secretary to Government):* Sir, in pursuance of the enouncement made by His Highness the Maharaja and the decision taken to appoint one more Minister, it has become necessary to amend the Cochin Payment of Salaries and Allowances Act. I request that the House may be pleased to grant me permission to introduce the amendment Bill.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* I second it.

Secretary to the Council: The title of the Bill is The Cochin Payment of Salaries and Allowances Act (Amendment) Bill.

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Chief Secretary to Government):* Sir, I request that the President may be pleased to suspend S. O. No. 32 and allow the Bill to be taken into consideration.

Mr. President: Yes.

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Chief Secretary to Government):* I move that the (1) Bill may be taken up for consideration.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* I second it.

Motion put and carried.

Clauses 2 and 3 put and carried.

Clause 1 put and carried.

Title and preamble put and carried.

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Chief Secretary to Government):* Sir, I move that the Bill may be taken up and finally passed tomorrow.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* I second it.

Motion put and carried.

The Cochin Vehicles Taxation Bill

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government):* Sir, I rise to move that the Cochin Vehicles Taxation Bill be read in Council.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* I second it.

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government):* The purpose of the Bill is to do away with the system of collecting toll fees at the toll gates established by Government and the several Municipal Councils on vehicles using the roads maintained by the Public Works Department of the Government and the Municipal Councils. It cannot be denied that this system causes trouble and inconvenience if not amounting to a regular nuisance to the people using these

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vehicles and Governments as a rule now adopt the system of doing away witht he toll fees and col lect license fees for these vehicles. At present the Municipalities, where they have been established col ect these fees and also levy a license fees on the vehicles maintained within the Municipa limits. Government propose to take up this licensing themselves so that no separate toll and license fees will have to be levied on any vehicle using any public road whether Municipal or Public Works. Of course this will result in a loss of revenue to the Municipal Councils but Government intend to compensate them by granting them a proportion from these total collections by way of license fees. This payment of compensation has been statutorily provided for in this Bill. So hereafter Government will be collecting license fees and a portion of that—the exact proportion has not yet been worked out but will be worked out—will be paid to the various Municipal Councils. Government have consulted all the Municipal Councils in the matter and almost all of them have agreed that this may be adopted provided of course they are adequately compensated. That is the main scheme of the Bill.

Provision has also been retained to levy speciel tolls on certain specific roads which, on account of its special nature, have to be treated in a separate manner, for example the Anamallais road which the general passengers may not use so much but on which a large amount of expenditure has been incurred and through which only particular classes of vehicles like lorries may be moving. It might be necessary that licensing alone may not be sufficient in such cases. So the Government have proposed in this Bill that if in such cases Government consider that toll fees should be levied, they will be given power to collect tolls. I do not think that there is any other specific matter which has to be specially discussed upon at this stage. I request that the House may be pleased to pass this legislation.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Are the rates given in the Schedule the same as those in the British Act?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government):* It is less than the British rates. We have adopted the Travancore rates. It will be only 75 to 80 per cent of the British rates.

Mr. P. Mani *(Kanayannur):* Is it less than Travancore rates ?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government):* We have adopted the Travancore rates.

Mr. President: The question is that the Cochin Vehicles Taxation Bill be read in Council

Motion put and carried.

Secretary to the Council: The Title of the Bill is the Cochin Vehicles Taxation Bill.

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government):* Sir, I request that the President may be pleased to suspend S. O. No. 32.

Mr. President: Yes.

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government):* Sir, I move that the (1) Bill be taken up for consideration.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* I second it.

Motion put and carried.

Clauses 2 to 18 put and carried.

Schedules I to IV put and carried.

Clause 1 put and carried.

Title and Preamble put and carried.

Mr. V. K. B. Menon *(Secretary to Government):* Sir, I move that the Bill may be taken up and finally passed tomorrow.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* I second it.

Motion put and carried.

The Cochin Arecanut Markets Bill

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Secretary to Government):* Sir, I move that the (2) Cochin Arecanut Markets Bill be read in Council.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* I second it.

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